The

Round-Up

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How he came to be braking on the

C. I. W. it would be impossible to say.

It is doubtful if Legs Brown himself

knew. He was a boomer brakeman,

and, as such, he traveled by no schedule

whatever. To ordinarily find him at

any given time, you might inquire on

any rallway division in America with

He reminded you of that insect

whose amiable disposition and atten-

nated appearance have won for it the

sobriquet of "grand-daddy-longlegs."

Hence, Brown's own nickname. Not-

withstanding his fragile proportions,

however, when occasion arose he could

wield his huge fists with force suffi-

cient to fracture a faw-bone or drive

a man's ear into the side of his head-

a fact that had been demonstrated to

the sorrow of more than one belliger-

As the long train of flat cars writhed

in and out among the sand hills,

Brown, stationed a short distance

ahead of the caboose, was the only per-

At the last stop, Murphy, the con-

ductor, had received a telegram warn-

ing him to be prepared for an attack

when they entered Sandville. A large

number of hoboes were gathered there

and had taken possession of the town,

explaining to the unhappy citizens the

necessity of majority rule, if the re-

publican form of government was to be

Previous experience similar to this

had detracted from the novelty of the

situation for the few inhabitants of

Sandville; but the hoboes were becom-

ing bolder, and spoke of capturing the

next train that came thither for the

purpose of making their escape.

Whereupon the station agent had

grown alarmed and sent the telegram.

Among his other characteristics,

Brown was intensely loyal to the road

that chanced to employ him. Any ac-

tion such as that contemplated by the

hoboes was resented as a personal af-

front. Furthermore, at this particular

time he knew that the president of the

road was but a few hours behind in

his special, and Brown deemed it his

duty to do all in his power to prevent

any unpleasantness when the great

Therefore as they drew near the

little hamlet he returned to the ca-

boose and conferred with the conduc-

"They's no use runnin' clear in,

Jim. You better stop on the edge of

this here metropolis while I go in an'

reconnoiter the force of the enemy, as

"I wouldn't advise you to go alone,

"Why, Jim, you know them fellers 're

Legs. You can't tell what those boes'll

like sheep. The only reason I can see

for 'em actin' like this is because they got a leader. If that's the case, all I

got to is to sling him around like he

didn't cost much, an' that'll take the fight right out of 'em. Besides, if a

bunch of us go in, they'll git ready for

for water. That'll give you time to see what they're up to."

So it was that, on foot and unaccom-

panied, Legs Brown ambled into the

captured town. He had no doubt as to the location of the triumphant ho-

boes, for, though it was now almost

dark, the only place that showed a

light was the saloon, and to this he di-

At the bar stood a swarthy, well-set

fellow, whose curly hair and high

cheek-bones, together with the pecu-

llar formation of his head, marked him

as a native of Poland. This worthy

was the most bolsterous of the lot, but

Brown thought it hardly likely that

he was the leader, giving him scant

attention, therefore, as he strode for-

what ye want, 'r I'll break ye in two,"

in the act of raising a glass to his lips.

seemed not to hear the words, but his

prodigious foot, as if released from a

ing the other's hand, threw the glass,

with its contents, into his scowling

A storm of laughter arose from the

onlookers, who swore, with mighty

oaths, that it was the funniest thing

they had ever seen. The victim, however, laughed not at all, but bellowed

with rage and pain as the flery liquid

seared his eyes, and repeatedly yelled

Not desirous of being masticated,

nor yet willing to move out of the

way of the Pole, who was blindly grop-

ing for him. Brown chose the only al-

ternative, and smote him squarely be-

tween the eyes, so that he crumpled

up on the floor. Then, turning to the

man's comrades, he broached the busi-

"I want to tell you dirty bums that

I'm going to take charge of this here

city government from now till I leave. If any of you've got anything to say,

why, you can step up and say it. You night be able to bluff these poor devils

hat live here, but I've seen too many

boes not to know what you're made of. You're all under arrest, an' the first

man that moves'll get plugged." The

rakeman placed a hand in his hip-

socket, which, by the way, held noth-

ng but his red baudanna handker-

for Brown to come near.

ness of the evening.

Brown, reaching for his own drink,

"Here, ye rube, ye better ask me fer

ward and ordered a drink.

rected his steps.

"All right, you can go while we stop

man should arrive.

they say in the army."

do if they're drunk."

maintained in the land.

ent hobo.

son visible.

an equal chance of success.

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one, "cause I saw a woman and she was a policeman's wife. I didn't know they had wives either until I saw ber." -Charleston (W. Va.) Mail.

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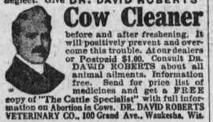
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Even Thoughts Are Dangerous. It was one of the rainiest nights in

Indiana for a long time. The teachers were getting ready to go home when a telephone message summoned them to a called teacher's meeting at the superintendent's office. With faces cloudier than the sky they silently started on their way. The silence continued for several blocks, then the irrepressible teacher of the building burst out: "Girls, I could be fired for what I'm thinking of our superintendent right 'now."

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steps, the illustrious leader himself appeared in the doorway. Bully Hackett's visage was one of those of which the worst dreams are made. While it was rendered somewhat vacant by the absence of his nose, one of his eyes, and the major portion of his upper lip -unwilling sacrifices to the god of war -his expression lost none of its feroclty on that account, and his shaggy hair and beard gave him a look that was scarcely human.

Mr. Hackett had been engaged on a private foraging expedition, and knew nothing of the happenings within the saloon, nor saw the brakeman, as he came toward the bar.

"Wot's the matter?" he inquired savagely. "Didn't ye see that freight pull

By way of attracting his attention, Brown struck him smartly on the part of his face formerly occupied by his

"Yes, an' she'll lay there till she rots, if she waits fer you to take her out. By the time I git through with you, you'll be ready to crawl in your hole," said the brakeman. He had seen the train crew gathered in the shadows outside the door and now had little to fear from the other hoboes.

"Better take off your coat, secause I'm not a-goin' to knock you out. I'll make you quit like a dog, so the rest of these gents'll see what you are," stated Brown, removing his own outer garment.

vice, but lashed out so viciously with his right arm that Brown was taken unawares, and, had it not been for the bar at his back, he would have gone down ignominously. Even so, he was in an evil plight, for the tramp, seeing his opportunity, rushed in, raining blows on the face and body of his opponent.

Then, indeed, did it seem that the brakeman had been overconfident in his boasting. The other hoboes shouted encouragement to their champion, and the train crew were only restrained from joining in the fight by the conductor, who continued to voice his belief in Brown's prowess.

Veteran of a hundred battles, Brown's first move was to stop the flailing arms. This he did by the simple expedient of twining his own about them. Gradually, with the apparent sinussity of a boa constrictor, he wrapped his limbs about those of the other, and for a moment lifted his own feet clear of the floor, making Hackett support the weight of both their bodies. Then, unmindful of his struggles, Brown as carefully freed himself, sending the hobo backward with a solid jolt on the spot where his first blow had landed.

Brown was intent on proving a theory that he had long held, namely, that a man, though inwardly a coward, may fight with seeming bravery so long as the blows of his adversary have not the appearance of being well judged or aimed with accuracy; but that a succession of blows, however light, on a sensitive spot will make him quit if he has the least vestige of a yellow

During fiercely did Hackett assail him that the brakeman was almost entirely on the defensive. More than once he felt the impact of the tramp's horny fist on his face, but he still held to his purpose, When the opening offered, his hand flashed out, striking with invariable precision the spot he had selected for his attack.

Hackett manifested his displeasure at this mode of warfare, evidently thinking that Brown acted dishonorably in profiting by the absence of his nasal feature.

his antagonist was also badly bruised, as if seeking a way of escape.

"Stand up an' fight, why don't you?" panted Brown. "You claim to be the said the tramp aggressively, pausing on an' mix it a little." spring, suddenly swept up, and, strik-

But Hackett had had enough. His the crowd, whimpering.

I can't fight no more."

"You don't need to be scared. I'm satisfied," answered Brown. "I knew you was a quitter the minute I seen you, an' I wanted to show you up, so you couldn't lead these dubs into no more deviltry. What'll we do with 'em, Jim?" he asked, turning to the con-

"The best thing will be to lock 'em in a box car an' hand 'em over to the sheriff at Rennington," replied Mur-

From the dark recesses of the caboose he had brought forth an old revolver. With it to uphold his authority, the erstwhile conquerors were placed in line and marched to the waiting train, escorted by the crew.

To Brown, this closed the incident,

That business must've leaked ousome way or other," he remarked

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Hackett walted not for further ad-

streak.

For a long time they fought, neither gaining the advantage. Brown was bleeding freely from the mouth, and one eye was fast swelling shut; but the remnant of his nose being quite raw. Of the two, Hackett seemed the more fatigued. Excessive drinking had made him short-winded, and he breathed heavily. The brakeman now began to force the fighting, striking more often in the same spot. Hackett gave ground and once he glanced back,

champeen bo. Well, I ain't no kind of a champeen, an' here you're tryin' to quit before I git warmed up. What kind of fightin' do you call that? Come

spirit was gone, and he slunk back into

"Stop 'im, boys; stop 'im," he pleaded. "My heavens, my mug's broke in!

phy, who was guarding the door,

He marveled greatly, therefore, when there came a commendatory letter from the company's chief executive, together with a small package, which. on examination, was found to contain n gold watch.

To Tease the Teut.

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